

All Holiday Goods Reduced.

We've marked down all our prices. Christmas is almost upon us, and we cannot carry them over.

We've hundreds of dainty pieces of Furniture, Lamps, Rugs, Sofa Pillows, etc., that we bought specially for Xmas gifts—they are all reduced in price.

Wash. B. Williams,
7th and D Sts. N. W.

Crowded To the Doors.

Such prices as these naturally bring a crowd. Why pay jobbers' and retailers' profits when you can get clothing direct from the manufacturers at less than the manufacturers' prices.

Samples of the Prices:

- Men's Blue and Black Kersey Overcoats, 44 inches long, 4 inch silk velvet collar, double warp Italian lining—sell in every retail store for \$14..... **\$4.90**
- Men's Heavy Winter Suits that usually retail for \$10..... **\$3.80**
- Men's Double and Single B-casted Black and Blue Cheviot Suits, made and trimmed in first-class style, usually retailed for \$10..... **\$4.90**
- Men's Storm Ulsters that sell in every retail store for \$12..... **\$3.98**
- Men's Belfast Frieze Storm Ulsters, extra large collars, cassimere lined, usually sold in retail store for \$15..... **\$6.50**
- Men's Handsome Trousers, in neat checks and stripes, sell in every retail store for \$5..... **\$1.98**
- Young Men's Storm Coats, usually retailed at \$7 and \$8, for..... **\$2.60**
- Children's Combination Suits, extra pants and cap to match, sell in every retail store for \$5..... **\$1.75**

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Where they are cheapest—at the **Universal Housefurnishing Store,**
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Brown's Shoe Store,
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Capitol Hill

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HOTEL WARNER,
470-472 Pennsylvania Avenue north-west, near 6th street. Business men's lunch, 12 to 2 o'clock, 25c; table d'hôte dinner, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m., 50c. noon-3m.

Stroll's shoes

IT IS NO SMALL COUNTRY

Venezuela is Bigger Than Both Germany and France.

HARBOR A MENACE TO FLEETS

The Nation Shook Spain Off Her Back Only to Fall Into Great Britain's Clutches—Revolutionary Outbreaks Are Common Occurrences—Educational System Is a Model One.

Any man who has had to knock around for a week or so at getting into the port of Lagunayra knows that it is not much fun making first acquaintance with Venezuela. Lagunayra is the seaport of Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. It is not much of a seaport and still less of a town. A famous traveler once said of it that if the whole coast of South America had been explored for the worst place in 200,000 miles to build a city a worse site than the site of Lagunayra could not possibly have been found. The city looks as if it were hanging like some great barnacle to the mountains that rise so precipitously out of the sea.

UNDESIRABLE HARBOR.
The harbor, while beautiful, is much more undesirable than the open ocean. At the first sight of a storm every vessel in port ups anchor and clears out. It is not only the harbor, but the city, that is undesirable. Lagunayra will probably be the scene of most of the disturbances in the country. There may, however, be naval demonstrations there. The city, like all other Venezuelan towns, has one long, dusty street, and the houses straggle along it for two miles, as if time and space were of no consequence. Lagunayra boasts of a two-story custom house and the Hotel Neptune. The hotel is a large, sprawling edifice, is as picturesque as dirt and disorder can make it, and is about as comfortable as a laundry. It has many rooms, all of them disagreeable, and on its registry books are the names of men from every country. The business houses are two and three stories in height. So are the residences of the white people. The negroes live in huts.

597,560 SQUARE MILES.
Venezuela is not a small country. It embraces a territory of about 597,560 square miles. It is larger than France, Germany and the Low Countries together or the States of Texas, Colorado, Idaho and California. The total population of the country according to the census of 1891 is 2,353,771—more than the population of New York city. They have about 1,047 rivers in the country. The great Orinoco is the most important. The country throughout is fertile and offers advantages to the migrant.

The soil is divided into three sections, which are called agricultural, grazing and wooded lands. The first division comprises the farms for coffee, cocoa and sugar cane. The cultivation of these lands does not exceed 400 square miles, and there yet remain for clearing and plowing 13,350 square miles, which would increase at least seventy times the actual production. The grazing section is covered with rich graminaceous plants. The woods yield rubber, vanilla, scrapin, copahu, rosewood, timber and precious woods. The coast of the country extends 1,876 miles, is washed by the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic and has thirty-two harbors. Fifty bays and numerous inlets. The lakes of Maracibo and Valencia have several interior ports, and near the outfalls of the large rivers safe anchorages are to be found. The country is rich in mines. The more valuable deposits are found in the Yacaré region. There is located the Callao mine, its gold output in the last ten years having made it renowned. Gold is also found in the mountains region watered by the Yacaré River and the cities of San Felipe and Nirca. Rich mines of gold are at Carapapo, and are worked with New York capital, and industrial three others per ton. Silver, copper and lead mines are also found in the same country.

SCHOOLS NUMEROUS.
The country is not much behind the United States in the education of its people. The public schools are divided into two classes, popular instruction and scientific schools. The first is compulsory and gratuitous. On January 1, 1888, the schools were attended by 100,000 children of both sexes. The Federal popular schools numbered 1,450 in 1891. The scientific schools comprise the universities, eight Federal colleges of the first order, fourteen of the second, fourteen National colleges for females, one normal school for females, one seminary of fine arts, one school for singing and education, one polytechnic school, twenty-six private colleges, one naval school and one school of telegraphy.

It was the first country discovered on the South American continent by Christopher Columbus. It was on August 1, 1498, when he was on his third voyage. The Spaniards had to fight the natives for forty years before they subdued them. The captaincy-general of Venezuela continued for 240 years under the Spanish crown, and the country was governed by captains-general appointed by the Spanish kings.

LONG TROUBLE WITH BRITAIN.
In 1806 Gen. Francisco Miranda, at the head of a patriotic group, landed in Coro and raised the flag of independence. After several bloody encounters the independents were victorious. On April 9, 1810, the city of Caracas witnessed a daring movement for national freedom. On July 5, 1811, the Act of Declaration of Independence was signed in the same city, and by it the United Provinces of Venezuela erected themselves into an independent republic. During the next ten years an incessant war raged. In 1821 the home armies conquered, and the republic of the United States of Venezuela was established. By the treaty of peace, signed at Madrid in 1825, the government of Spain formally acknowledged the independence of the republic. "It is not out of place," wrote the president of the republic in 1892, "to state that for a long time there has existed between Great Britain and Venezuela a dispute about territorial limits. Venezuela has not caused to ask for the arbitration of friendly powers to settle satisfactorily for both nations this protracted controversy. Though no solution has so far been arrived at, it is certainly to be hoped that it will come up before and justice to both parties, because their reciprocal rights repose on historical facts which may be easily verified."

CLARK'S,

734-736 7th St.



Kid Gloves given free with every purchase of a Ladies' Cloak or Cape, and the prices are about one-half of formerly.

16.00 Boule and Beaver Box Coats..... **\$3.98**

\$2.00 Box Jackets and Capes..... **\$5.48**

\$1.00 Capes or Rough Jackets..... **\$6.98**

\$1.50 Pina Coats..... **\$9.98**

\$2.00 Persian Lamb Jackets..... **\$11.98**

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PENNIES IN GREAT DEMAND

Philadelphia Mint Is Turning Out 450,000 a Day.

Supt. Preston Says It Indicates a Great Revival in Business—The Tides of Money.

During the month of December Supt. Preston of the Mint Bureau has had a great increase of business in the coining of pennies. Nine presses have been kept at work in Philadelphia from 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m., turning out bronze cents at the rate of 450,000 a day.

"What does this unusual demand for pennies mean?" was asked of Mr. Preston. "It means a great revival in business," said the superintendent. "The use of the smaller coin means that the mass of the people are spending money."

"But will there not be a redundancy after a little?"

"Oh, yes, as soon as the holiday trade is over we will begin redeeming. We take back the pennies, clean them up, and re-issue them."

"Can you tell anything about the course of trade by the issuance of pennies?"

"Yes, certainly. Last year 5,000,000 pennies went to New York, 4,000,000 to Illinois, 3,000,000 to Massachusetts, 1,300,000 to Ohio, and so on. You see, Ohio doesn't begin to do the small business Illinois does. And Chicago was not included in that shipment, as she has a substantial coin of her own."

"How about the West and the South?"

"They have both begun to use pennies. Formerly the West used no small coins, but nickels and pennies are now being quite commonly used there."

"And is there any one cause that contributes directly to the use of pennies?"

"The penny-in-the-slot machines, very greatly; also the ninety-cent stores."

"The ninety-cent stores, Mr. Preston explained, were the most largely responsible, as every sale demands the use of four pennies."

ELECTED NEW OFFICERS.
Union Veteran Legion Also Passed Resolutions of Thanks.

Encampment No. 111, Union Veteran Legion, Capitol Hill, at its regular assembly Friday evening, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Colonel, William T. Pierson; lieutenant-colonel, H. H. Ray; major, E. H. Ripley; surgeon, Dr. P. H. Clemens; officer of the day, Walter J. Jones; chaplain, Alexander C. Bromley; quartermaster, Fred K. Sparks; adjutant, William Wilson; officer of the guard, Charles E. H. Ripley; of encampment No. 111, for their zeal and earnest efforts in calling the attention of the honorable Secretary of the Navy and Assistant Secretary of the Navy to the discharge, apparently without compensation, of the past Lieutenants of the Encampment, Charles Waltemeyer, upon which an investigation was ordered, resulting in his reinstatement.

As ladies auxiliary to Encampment No. 111 has been organized. A large number of ladies have already joined. They will receive their charter in a few days. It is predicted that a large organization (the only one in the city) will result from this beginning.

REHEARSAL OF THE MASS.

Marquis Sacrificant Heard the New Religious Composition Yesterday.

The grand rehearsal of the "Messe Solenne" at St. Aloysius' Church yesterday afternoon attracted all of Washington's musical, clerical and devotional contingent. Prof. Fancullini began promptly at 4 and the church was then already filled to overflowing.

The choir, with orchestra accompaniment and sustained by a chorus of twenty-five voices, rendered the program. The music of the new mass is of the heavy coloristic order, and according to able critics will add not a little to the fame of the composer. The offertory selection is unusually fine. One of the most telling points of the composition is the grand chorus of orchestra, organ and chorus after an unusually tender and musical solo of "Adoration." The "Agnus Dei" is also rich and thrilling.

In the audience, none seemed more interested or enthusiastic than the noble group, Marquis Sacrificant. The marquis occupied a seat in the sanctuary and was accompanied by Mrs. Sharette. He was neatly attired in a black broadcloth suit, with a single black tie. He is an ardent admirer of music and expressed warm praise regarding the work of his compatriot, Prof. Fancullini.

A Young Priest's Assignment.
Rev. Dennis C. Keenan, the young Catholic priest from St. Peter's Parish, who was ordained from St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, last Saturday, has been assigned to St. Cypryan's Church, this city, as assistant to Rev. James E. Matthews. Father Keenan will celebrate his first mass at St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, at 5 o'clock on Christmas morning, and will also officiate at the vesters in the afternoon. He attended the parochial schools in St. Peter's Parish and afterwards graduated from Loyola and St. Charles' Colleges, completing his course at St. Mary's Seminary.

Holiday Excursion Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.
For the holiday season the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell December 21 to 25, inclusive, and December 31 and January 1, round trip excursion tickets to all points on its lines east of and including Pittsburgh and Erie and west of Elizabeth and Sea Girt, good for return passage until January 7, 1896. Also, to Frederickburg, Richmond and other points south on December 16 to 25, inclusive, and December 29 to January 1, inclusive, good for return passage until January 7, 1896.

Do You Know Him?
J. H. Fannin, manager for the Washington Jewelry Company, the old stand filled with a large assortment of Diamond Clocks, Watches, Silverware and novelties, at prices low enough to cause war, 631 Seventh street, corner Seventh and F.

CLARK'S,
734-736 7th St.

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New York Clothing House,
311 Seventh Street N. W.

SKIRTS.
Our Skirts are all tailor-made, lined all through, four godets in back, extra wide and velvet band.

FOUR SPECIALS TOMORROW.
\$1.00 Brilliantine Skirts, as above..... **\$1.98**

\$1.00 Fancy Cheviot and Serge Skirts..... **\$3.48**

\$1.00 Black Novelty Skirts, very superior..... **\$5.48**

\$1.00 Silk Brocade, plain Satin, and Moire Skirts..... **\$9.98**

DOLL GIVEN FREE.

A doll given with every purchase of a Child's Cloak, and prices cut in half.

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734-736 Seventh St. N. W.

Three Car Loads of Choice Poultry

arrived from Virginia this morning at 7 o'clock. They are all prime birds specially fattened for Christmas.

Your choice at **10c per pound**

Mixed Nuts per pound, 10c.
French Candy per pound, 6c.



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633 E St. S. E.
400 H St. N. E.
9 Fla. Ave. N. W.

The Time Is Terribly Near!

That note we have given to Bergher Bros. will soon be due, and we are still unable to meet it. Prices go lower than ever. You can get magnificent clothing at almost your own prices. Here are some samples, but we have many other just as big bargains.

MEN'S STORM OVERCOATS, at \$5.50, blue, black and gray, extra length, reduced from \$7.50, \$10 and \$12.50.

MEN'S STORM OVERCOATS, with extra large collars, in Shetlands and Irish Frieze, not many left, at \$7.50. Reduced from \$10, \$12.50 and \$15.

MEN'S OVERCOATS, with wide velvet collars, in blue and black, at \$5.00. Reduced from \$10.

MEN'S MELTON OVERCOATS at \$7.50. Reduced from \$12.50.

MEN'S OVERCOATS in Meltons and Kerseys, blue, black and brown, raw or stitched edges, at \$10. Are reduced from \$17.50.

MEN'S SUITS in single and double-breasted, at \$5.00. Former price \$7.50 and \$10.

MEN'S SUITS in blue and black Cheviots and mixed weaves, strictly all wool, at \$7.50. Were never sold for less than \$15.

All our English CLAY SUITS, in single and double-breasted and the Regent frock suit, at \$10, are an eye-opener.

MEN'S PANTS at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50. We guarantee are worth double the price.

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S SUITS. Overcoats and Suits in endless variety at half price.

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Come in and see them, whether you have any children to buy for or not. Bring the Children with you.

Good Toy Planes, 25c, 49c and 98c.

Dolls, real beauties, 50c to \$1.99; real bisque heads. Dress dolls in endless variety. Games, thousands for your selection, 5c to 98c; all popular games.

Pure linen Story Books, 5c to 25c.

Paper back and cloth bound Story Books, 5c to 49c.

Tool chests, complete, 25c to \$3.48.

Reed, calf's head Drums, 25c to 98c.

Imported Zithers, 25c and 49c.

Reed Doll Carriages, 25c to \$3.48.

Wood Wagons, 9c to \$1.98.

Iron Wagons, bicycle wheels, 95c, \$1.23 and \$1.45.

Hardwood, finely finished Siegels, 35c to \$1.49.

Iron Velocipedes, bicycle wheels, spring saddle, \$1.38, \$1.89 and \$2.48.

Large sized Desks, with stool, 98c to \$5.98.

Tricycle, warranted, upholstered in plush, bicycle wheels, \$2.98 to \$5.98.

Child's Chairs, 25c and 49c.

Child's Rockers, 25c to \$3.48.

Child's High Chairs, 49c to \$1.48.

Blackboards, with easel, 25c to 98c.

Child's Tables, 5c to 69c.

Child's Caskets, complete, with holder, 12c.

Tea Sets, 5c to 98c.

Pewter Tea Sets, 9c to 49c.

Child's Silver-plated set, knife, fork and spoon, 25c set; each set in fancy box.

King Air Rifle, 95c.

Toy Guns, 10c to 49c.

War Ships, complete, 25c to 98c.

Sail Boats, 5c to 49c.

Iron Fire Engines, 49c and 98c.

Iron Hook and Ladders, 49c and 98c.

Iron Trains, 5c to 98c.

Iron Banks, 5c to 98c.

HANDKERCHIEF BARGAINS.

Men's fine white, hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with any initial, 12c.

Men's fine white, hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs, with any initial, 25c; well worth 50c.

Ladies' fine, Swiss-embroidered Handkerchiefs, with any initial, 15c each; three for 25c.

SPECIAL NECKWEAR BARGAINS.

Men's fine imported Silk Neckwear, put up one in fancy box, 48c; equal to the \$1 quality.

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- 3 " Cream Candy..... 25
- 2 " California Raisins..... 25
- 7 " Citron..... 25
- 1 gal. Sirup (light)..... 25
- 6 lbs. Currants..... 25
- 10 " Best Buckwheat..... 25
- 10 " Rolled Oats..... 25
- 2 large cans Peaches..... 25
- 2 " " Apricots..... 25
- 2 " " Egg Plums..... 25
- 1 gal. Best Sweet Cider..... 25
- 2 lbs Fine Layer Figs..... 25
- 1 lb. Good Butter..... 25
- 3 pkgs. Instantaneous Tapioca..... 25
- 4 cans Pie Peaches..... 25
- 3 lbs. Atmore's Mince Meat..... 25
- 5 lbs. Good Lard or 4 lbs. Best Lard..... 25

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